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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated March 2, 1998, please amend the above-identified application as follows and reconsider the application in view of the amendments and remarks provided below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 30 without prejudice, and amend the claims as follows:

1 1. (Amended) A linear illumination device comprising:
2 a guide made of a light transmitting material extending in a first
3 direction, having a side face and at least one end face;
4 light emitting means for allowing light to enter interior of the
5 guide from the at least one end face of the guide; and